

Remarks/Arguments:

The pending claims are 1-30 and 40-42. Claims 1-30 have been indicated as allowable. Claims 31-39 and 43-58 have been canceled.

Claim 40 has been amended as indicated below.

40. A multi-component bifurcating expandable supportive endoluminal graft comprising:

a plurality of expandable supportive endoluminal components adapted to be individually deployed at a selected location within a body vessel, each said supportive endoluminal graft component being radially compressible for endoluminal insertion and radially expandable for deployment at a desired location within a body vessel;

one of said expandable supportive endoluminal components is a trunk component, said trunk component generally surrounding a trunk liner positioned within said trunk component, said trunk liner having a generally cylindrical body portion and two leg portions, each said leg portion defining a leg opening, wherein the generally cylindrical body portion of said liner and portions of said leg portions abut said trunk component and are secured to said trunk component, and portions of said leg portions not abutting said trunk component abut one another and are secured to one another;

at least one other of said expandable supportive endoluminal components is a generally cylindrical supportive leg component; and

said generally cylindrical supportive leg component and one of said leg portions of said liner, when said leg component and trunk component are have been fully deployed within the body vessel, are not connected to and are telescopically slidable with respect to each other.

Support for the amendment may be found in U.S. Patent No. 5,855,598, of which this application is a reissue, Col. 11, lines 50-61. No new matter has been added.

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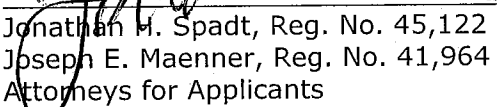
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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-30 and 40-42 are in condition for allowance and request an early indication of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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